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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**  
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**Kent County Emergency Management Division**

**FLOODING UPDATE**

**April 20, 2013**

- Kent County remains under a declaration of emergency
- Overall conditions are stable in Kent County; however officials are monitoring water levels, anticipating the river to crest between late Sunday evening to mid-day Monday
- The Kent County EOC is still activated and in communication with the City of Grand Rapids EOC. We are in touch with our local police and fire departments, EMS, and other response agencies for activity updates.
- Currently in Kent County, we have 4 active shelters manned by the American Red Cross. The Kent County animal shelter is assisting evacuees by housing their pets.
- Kent County Health Department is maintaining a NO CONTACT Advisory for the Grand River and is assessing and monitoring for emerging health threats.
  - In addition to the fast-moving current, the flood water poses other dangers from debris and possible contamination. "Contact with the water could lead to illness in humans and animals – infectious organisms such as E. coli, Shigella, and Salmonella," said Adam London, Health Officer of the Kent County Health Department. "Stay away from the Grand – as well as any other creeks or rivers – until further notice. We also recommend keeping pets away from these waters."

**\*\* Until the flooding event passes, we ask all residents, regardless of water and sewer type, to use water very conservatively. This means:**

- Flush the toilet less;
- Shower for a shorter time;
- Avoid doing laundry, or do larger loads at once;
- Avoid the dishwasher - hand-wash dishes instead.

- The Road Commission reports several road closings. We urge motorists to observe road closure barricades.
- Law enforcement officials strongly urge motorists to stay out of the flooded areas. Reports have been received of curiosity seekers causing traffic problems for law enforcement personnel.
- The City of Lowell has closed Main Street from Hudson St to Montcalm Ave
- Evacuations: approximately 530 persons have evacuated from their homes in Kent County.
- Kent County Equalization has been in the process since Friday, assessing damage and this process will continue throughout this event.
- Our volunteer groups have been active; assisting responders in EOC, damage assessment, and shelter activities.
- Medical Director of Kent County EMS, Todd Chassee, MFACEP, reports no increase in patients. Everything is operating as normal; the system is not currently being taxed in anyway.
- Kent and Ottawa County Emergency Management personnel viewed the flooded areas via the MSP helicopter this afternoon.
- So far today, there have been two rescues out of the Grand River;
  - Lowell Fire Dept and Police Dept. rescued two kayakers who were caught in the current
  - The other rescue in Comstock Park, where Kent County Sheriff Dept, Marine Patrol and Plainfield Twp Fire Dept rescued a person in a raft.
- At this time, the Kent County EOC is monitoring the situation and is in communication with the NWS for weather and flooding projections and updates. Small streams have been receding and some are near normal levels as the water is moving down stream. We are still encouraging people to stay out of the flood areas, observe barricades and do not drive through standing water.

## **April 20, 2013 ROADS CLOSED**

**\*\*\*This list is subject to change as conditions change throughout the day\*\*\***

### **North**

15 Mile from Stout to Shaner (impassable) access address 6610 from west and 6645 from east  
19 Mile between Penny and Force (impassable) access address 11385 from west and 11470 from east  
\*12 Mile from Friske to Algoma (impassable)  
\*Tisdell from 20 Mile Rd and 21 Mile Rd (impassable)  
Summit from 13 Mile Rd to 12 Mile Rd  
Division Ave from Fonger to 11 Mile Rd  
Ashley from 5 Mile Rd to 6 Mile Rd  
Nugent from 9 Mile and 10 Mile Rd  
Gavin Lake from 6 Mile Rd to Crooked Lake  
McCabe Ave from 4 Mile Rd to 5 Mile Rd  
\*12 Mile from Northland to Algoma  
\*Strotheide from Ashley to Montcalm  
\*Friske from 12 Mile Rd to 13 Mile Rd  
\*12 Mile Rd from Northland to Summit

### **Central**

Canright & Briggs  
4 Mile & Briggs  
Forest Ridge & Coit  
West River Dr & Abridador Trail  
West River Center & Abridador Trail  
West River Dr & St Lawrence  
West River Dr & Karcher Dr  
Jupiter & Konkle  
West River & Indian  
Indian & River Point  
Walnut Park & Northland Dr  
Willow Dr & Bailey Park  
Willow Dr & Canright  
Shady Dr & Knapp St  
Walker from 5 Mile to 6 Mile  
Division from Hayes to 7 Mile  
Reeds Lake Blvd from Duchess to Manhattan  
Reeds Lake Blvd from East Beltline to Hall  
Michigan from Twin Lakes to Crahen  
Rogue River from Ethelwin to Packer Dr

## **South**

Vergennes between Parnell & Boynton  
36<sup>th</sup> St between Quiggle & Cherry Lane  
68<sup>th</sup> from Wingeier to Pratt Lake  
64<sup>th</sup> from Pratt Lake to Montcalm  
60<sup>th</sup> St from Bancroft to M-50  
66<sup>th</sup> St from Whitneyville to McCords  
Cherry Valley from 76<sup>th</sup> St to 84<sup>th</sup> St  
100<sup>th</sup> St from M-37 to Duncan Lake  
108<sup>th</sup> St from Morse Lake to Moe St  
2 Mile Rd from Alden Nash Ave to Murray Lake Ave  
4 Mile Rd from McCabe to Boynton  
60<sup>th</sup> St from Timpson to Morse Lake  
60<sup>th</sup> St from Pratt Lake to Montcalm  
Pratt Lake from 68<sup>th</sup> St to 64<sup>th</sup> St  
68<sup>th</sup> St from Pratt Lake to Montcalm  
Wingeier from 68<sup>th</sup> St to 64<sup>th</sup> St  
Ada Dr from Headley to M-21  
\*72<sup>nd</sup> St between Wingeier and M-50  
\*McPherson from Alden Nash Ave to Parnell  
\*Jackson St from M-21 to Grand River  
\*Grand River Dr from Jackson to Montcalm  
\*Causeway Dr  
\*Division north of Oberly  
\*McCords from 68<sup>th</sup> St to 76<sup>th</sup> St  
\*Thornapple River Dr from Fase St to Ada Dr  
\*Hudson St from Grand River to M-21

## **Southwest Complex**

92<sup>nd</sup> St from Ivanrest to Byron Center